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# peter jackson



Good afternoon and welcome to everyone to the Coral Windows Stadium for our two home pre-season fixtures against Bolton Wanderers and Carlisle United.

I hope all of our supporters had a relaxing and enjoyable close-season and that they are ready to go again for the new campaign – I know I am!

I'd like to extend an especially warm welcome to the management, players and supporters of both Bolton and Carlisle.

I've had many personal battles with Bolton's manager, Owen Coyle, during our playing days, and I was delighted when he agreed to bring his side down to Valley Parade to face us.

There is always a certain buzz around when a Premiership club comes to visit and I'm sure that Owen's side will give us a good test of our credentials.

As a former City player, I've known Carlisle's manager, Greg Abbott, since he was an 18 year old coming to the club from Coventry.

He's obviously grown up a lot since I first knew him back then and has gone on to become a terrific manager for Carlisle.

In my eyes, he probably should go down as a Bradford City legend for the service that he gave to this football club.

He probably isn't held in the same high regard as someone like Stuart McCall or other players from around that era, but he was a true unsung hero, and still deserves a lot of credit for the effort and endeavour he put in for this club.

Our fixtures against Bolton and Carlisle will probably give some of our supporters their first chance to catch a glimpse of our batch of summer signings.

Up to press, we have managed to obtain nine new faces into the squad.

I'm pleased to say that all nine have settled in nicely into our set-up, and they all seem to share the same hunger and desire that I have to make this season a success.

It must be said that the players we had at the club last season have also shown a tremendous attitude during pre-season training so far.

I think a major reason behind this is our new training facilities at Woodhouse Grove School, so a huge thank you must go to them for accommodating us.

A massive thank you must also go out to all our supporters who have purchased Season Tickets throughout this summer.

To get that level of support in League 2 is truly amazing, especially off the back of a disappointing campaign last season.

Please show that same sort of appreciation and support to the lads during these two matches.

Enjoy the games.  
Peter Jackson.



# Bolton Wanderers



## "WE TRAIN WITH A SMILE ON OUR FACES"

by Colin Benson

**The last time Owen Coyle brought a team to Valley Parade he was in charge of Burnley. He led the Clarets here on July 30, 2008, as part of their pre-season preparation for their first season in the Barclays Premier League.**

Owen had just rejected overtures to take over Glasgow Celtic at the time but on a very limited budget the prospects of Burnley maintaining their Premiership status were very slender and in January 2010 Owen accepted the challenge of succeeding Gary Megson as manager of Bolton Wanderers.

Coyle was widely criticised for quitting Burnley for Bolton yet it is understandable that the Scot, who had during his playing career played for the Trotters, should want the chance to steer his former club out of the doldrums.

"When big decisions come I'm prepared to take them," Coyle says. "I left St Johnstone three days before a Cup final. They hadn't won a trophy for years and years, but I left because a great opportunity came up to join Burnley."

"And that's the same reason why I left Burnley to come here (Bolton); because it was a great

opportunity.

"We had an unbelievable adventure at Burnley, but there were all these financial constraints and I knew, not just from being a player at Bolton, that the infrastructure here was five years ahead."

"Some of the stuff levelled against me when I left Burnley, about money, I've stayed silent about. But that is a million miles from the truth."

Eighteen months later Coyle's controversial departure from Turf Moor has been vindicated by his success in turning Bolton from annual relegation battlers into a team that at one stage last season looked capable of qualifying for Europe.

The manager has given the players so much self belief in their own ability since he took over from Gary Megson. He goes to work with a smile on his face and encourages players to express themselves.

His strategy is simply to get the players to enjoy their work. He explains: "I'm not going to overburden players. If they have deficiencies, which we all have, we will work on that. But equally, when they go out to play, I can't have them caught up in what they're poor at because ultimately that makes them nervous and leads to mistakes. They need to feel, 'I want to go out and express myself. I'm going to put my best foot forward.'"

Coyle believes football should be played the Arsenal way with flair and imagination and he has proved throughout his career that he has the knack for getting

players to raise their game to match the elite. As demonstrated when his St Johnstone team beat Rangers 2-0 at Ibrox Park to reach the semi-final of the Scottish League Cup. It was the Saints first victory over the Glasgow giants in 35-years.

Character and commitment are strengths Coyle looks for and he was delighted to see his players devastated after losing 1-0 to Manchester City at Eastlands. He was proud that his cash restricted team could take on the mega-rich City and be disappointed to come away with nothing. "We have a tremendous group of players with great spirit and camaraderie," he claimed. "It's a measure of how far they've come that they're gutted in the dressing room now."

Bolton come to Bradford on the back of a tour to the USA where they played FC Tampa Bay, Orlando SC and Houston Dynamo and Coyle can't wait to get started. "This time of the year is always exciting because there is a full season ahead in the best league in the world," he beams. "It doesn't get much better than this."

Born in Paisley, Owen Columba Coyle learned the rudiments of the game with Renfrew YC before joining his elder brothers Joe and Tommy at Dumbarton FC where he established himself as a goalscoring left-winger.

He left the Boghead camp to score 33 goals in 63 games with Clydebank and was snapped up by Airdrieonians for £175,000 in February 1990, shooting them to promotion to the SPL.

A Cup final appearance and European experience in the ECWC followed before Bolton Wanderers paid £250,000 to secure his transfer in 1993. He experienced mixed fortunes at Burnden Park and Dundee United forked out £380,000 to take him back to Scotland. Owen had made one full international appearance for the Republic of Ireland v Holland before exiting Tannadice Park for Motherwell eventually returning to Broomfield Park via a season with Dunfermline Athletic and a short loan with Ross County.





# The Squad



## **JUSSI JAASKELAINEN** Goalkeeper

It was probably the best £100,000 Bolton ever invested when they secured Jussi from VPS Vaasa in November 1997. He was unexpectedly thrown into first team action at the start of the 1998-99 season when Keith Branagan had ligament problems and he has remained the undisputed number one ever since. Now a Reebok legend the Finnish international (55 caps) stopper clocked up his 500th appearance for the Club in the FAC quarter-final victory over Birmingham City in March. Still delivering goalkeeping master classes at the age of 36 he remains one of the best goalkeepers in the Premiership.

## **ADAM BOGDAN** Goalkeeper

The 23-year-old Hungarian was given his debut at Southampton, (24-8-10), in the 1-0 Carling Cup victory. With Ali Al-Habsi playing for Wigan on loan Adam made nine appearances as Jaaskelainen's shadow with his Premiership debut coming five days later at home to Birmingham when Jaaskelainen was sent off on 37 minutes. Adam enhanced his reputation with a string of fine saves that led to his international debut for Hungary and a clean-sheet against Luxembourg. Signed from Budapest club Vasas in August 2007 he had previously made one League appearance on loan with Crewe – a 5-3 defeat at Accrington Stanley (25-9-09).

## **GRETER STEINSSON** Defender

The Icelandic rightback should have been renamed 'Greater Steinsson' after Bolton's 4-2 defeat of Tottenham Hotspur last November. For he not only succeeded in snuffing out Gareth Bale, who the previous week had been hailed as the game's most wanted talent following his demolition of Milan in the Champions League, but that achieved wrapped up his super display with a show stopping goal – his first in the Premiership for 18-months. What was the secret behind the former Alkmaar and Young Boys defender's success? "I have played against Gareth before and he is a fantastic player but I tried not to analyse it too much before the game. If you do that it

just gets in your head. I just had a really good chicken korma and relaxed on the eve of the game," he explained.

## **PAUL ROBINSON** Defender

Vastly experienced tough tackling leftback arrived from West Brom in 2009 initially on a season long loan and stayed to establish himself in the team. A trainee at Watford Paul won England Under-21 honours and made 219 P/FL appearances for the Hertfordshire club with whom he collected a Second Div championship medal in 1998 before a £250,000 move to the Hawthorns in October 2003. With the Baggies he added a Championship winners' medal to his collection in 2008.

## **GARY CAHILL** Central Defender

A player with dogged determination he has proved himself an outstanding competitor and has drawn interest from several clubs including Arsenal. A graduate of Aston Villa's academy Gary made 25(3) PL appearances for them before manager Martin O'Neill deemed him surplus to requirements and sold him to Bolton for a bargain £4.5 million in January 2008, after loans at Burnley and Sheffield United. Made his full England debut against Bulgaria last September and scored his first goal for 13 months when heading Bolton into the lead against Everton on February 12. Coyle says: "Gary's feet belong to a centre-forward. He has such quick clever feet he's only going to get better."

## **DAVID WHEATER** Central Defender

Signed from Middlesbrough in the January transfer window the former England Under-21 international made 11 appearances for Bolton last

season. A trainee with Boro the Redcar boy made well over 100 P/FL appearances for them after making his senior debut from the bench in a 7-0 defeat at Arsenal (14-1-06). He went on to make four starts in the final five games of that season – the first in a 2-0 home win over West Ham – and gained further experience on loan with Doncaster, Wolves and Darlington. Became an established figure in 2007-08 but during the 2009-10 season his game suffered from constant changes at the back which saw him alongside seven different partners in the middle.

## **ZAT KNIGHT** Central Defender

The tallest defender in the Premier League yet does not score that many goals and opened his scoring account last season with an adroit flick from his right boot to give Bolton the lead v Man U in the 2-2 draw on September 25. Signed from Aston Villa for £4 million in July 2009 he has established himself as a dominating presence in the heart of the defence. Zat was twice capped by England, on the 2005 tour to the USA, when he was with Fulham and has also featured on loan for Peterborough.





## MARCOS ALONSO

Defender

The Spanish leftback was brought in from Real Madrid last summer and made his debut in the 1-0 League Cup triumph at Southampton (24-8-10). Marcos quickly adjusted to the English game and has proved to be a steady player under pressure.



## DARREN PRATLEY

Midfield

The first big signing of the summer Owen Coyle had tried to acquire Darren's transfer from Swansea City during the January transfer window but failed. A key figure in the Swans dramatic promotion season to the Premiership the all-action central midfielder general was formerly a trainee at Fulham with whom he made one Premier sub appearance in a 3-0 defeat at Charlton (8-11-03). He went on loan with Brentford before a £100,000 move to Swansea in June 2006. An exciting player Darren topped Swansea's score chart in 2009-10 with seven goals including two against Cardiff.

## FABRICE MUAMBA

Midfield

Bolton's strong midfield enforcer Fabrice came to England as a refugee from the DR Congo at an early age and joined Arsenal as a scholar in 2004. Made his debut in a 3-0 League Cup win at Sunderland (25-10-05), and with a style reminiscent of Patrick Vieira looked to have a good future with the Gunners who loaned him to Birmingham City to gain experience. In May 2007 he signed for the Blues and subsequently became an England Under-21 regular but following City's relegation in 2008 the leggy defender became a mainstay in the Bolton defence following a £5 million transfer.

## MARTIN PETROV

Midfield

The experienced Bulgarian international won his 84th cap (19 goals) in the Euro 2012 qualifier against England at Wembley. He arrived at Bolton on a free last summer after three years with Manchester City who had paid Atletico Madrid £4.7 million for his registration in August 2007. Martin had previously played for CSKA Sofia, Servette and VfL Wolfsburg. A wide player he scored three times for Bolton last term. Watch out for his lethal left-foot strikes.

## LEE CHUNG-YONG

Midfield

An energetic wide man Lee was a former K-League star with FC Seoul and a key man in South Korea's 2010 World Cup team scoring against Argentina and Uruguay in the South African finals. Now preparing for his third season in England following a £2.2 million move in 2009 the man from Seoul enjoyed a very impressive debut campaign in the Premiership in which he was voted Player of the Year. Headed in the stoppage-time winner in the 3-2 FAC quarter-final victory at Birmingham

## RICARDO GARDNER

Midfield

Preparing for his 14th season in a Bolton shirt the Jamaican captain missed six-months last term nursing a knee injury. Arrived at the Reebok from Harbour View for £1 million in 1998 and has made over 400 appearances since then. Now 32 he seems more comfortable in a central midfield role than on the flanks and after several seasons blighted by injuries 'Bibi' says: "I'm looking forward to the pre-season because it is a fresh start. I hurt my knee just after the season started last year and I have had to play catch-up."



## ROBBIE BLAKE

Striker

Robbie was a City hero scoring 40 goals in 109(44) League games for us (1997-2002) clinching our promotion to the Premiership with the winning goal in the final game against Wolves. We paid Darlington £300,000 for his services and accepted a £1 million bid from Burnley in January 2002. Robbie formed a striking partnership with Lee Mills that helped propel us to the Premiership. Versatile, he played on both flanks and through the middle his close control and ability to ghost past opponents being outstanding. Birmingham invested £1.25 million to sign him in January 2005 and he moved on to Leeds for £800,000 and then returned to Burnley in July 2007 (£250,000). Bolton signed him on a free last summer.



## IVAN KLASNIC

Striker

Recruited, in 2009, initially on a season long loan from Nantes following the French club's relegation from Ligue 1, the German born Croatian international opened his account last season with the winning goal at Southampton in the Carling Cup. Indeed he was a cup hero for the Whites last term scoring the winners against Wigan and Fulham to shoot them into the quarter-final of the FA Cup. Previously with FC St Pauli and Werder Bremen it is remarkable that Ivan is playing football at the top level having undergone two kidney transplants three years ago.

*Other squad members include: Goalkeepers: Ali Al-Habi Omani international spent last season on loan with Wigan and finished as POY. Rob Lainton. Midfield: Matt Taylor £4m signing from Portsmouth. Mark Davies Scored the goal of the season last term against Blackpool; is recovering from ankle surgery. Sean Davis Knee injuries have restricted him to four competitive app since arriving from Portsmouth in 2009. Tope Obadeyi left winger was on loan at Shrewsbury last season. Strikers: Danny Ward, Bradford born spent second-half of last season on loan with Huddersfield. Tom Eaves, Michael O'Halloran.*





# Bolton Wanderers

by Colin Benson

**Bolton Wanderers finished their 10th consecutive season in the Premier League in 14th place which was exactly the position they ended the previous campaign, in 2009-10, although last term they had banked seven more points and bettered their goal-difference from minus 25 to minus four.**

Indeed, they collected only two fewer points at home than did Arsenal but a depressing away record that produced just two victories really held them back.

That is the statistical prognosis but stats do not give the full picture for under Owen Coyle, who was serving his first full season in the managerial chair, the style of play has become much more creative and but for a lapse in the final run-in to the season they would have been much higher in the table.

A mark of how well Bolton played at times was their thrilling 2-2 draw at the Reebok against Manchester United last September. It was a performance that had Sir Alex Ferguson admitting: "Bolton are a real handful. A lot of teams coming here will find it difficult. Bolton are a handful in terms of the aerial ability they have. Their direct play is very good. I thought it was a fair result and a very good match."

Kevin Davis and Johan Elmander headed the aerial threat to which Ferguson referred but the big Swede, who never truly lived up to his £8 million price tag following his arrival from Toulouse in July 2008, is now no longer a Bolton player.

And it must be said that Coyle's Bolton are not solely dependant on a physical presence up front for there is a refreshing new dimension to their game in the subtlety in some of their approach play.

"We are very much a work in progress but piece by piece, we are getting there," claimed Coyle who

transformed the Whites from being stuck in an annual relegation battle into genuine European contenders.

By mid November the Trotters were within touching distance of the top boys and following a 5-1 thrashing of Newcastle United occupied fourth place in the table. It had the fans euphoric but manager Coyle with his feet squarely on the ground warned: "The short term answer to questions about Europe is its fanciful."

He added: "We're enjoying the wins and we're fourth but the only table I've ever looked at is the one after the season has finished. I will see then if we have improved this year."

A 3-2 home victory over Aston Villa saw Bolton surpass their points total for the whole of the previous season, 39, with nine games remaining. With no worries of relegation the Trotters enjoyed a 3-2 victory at Birmingham to cruise into the semi-finals of the FA Cup.

"The short term answer to questions about Europe is its fanciful."

- Owen Coyle

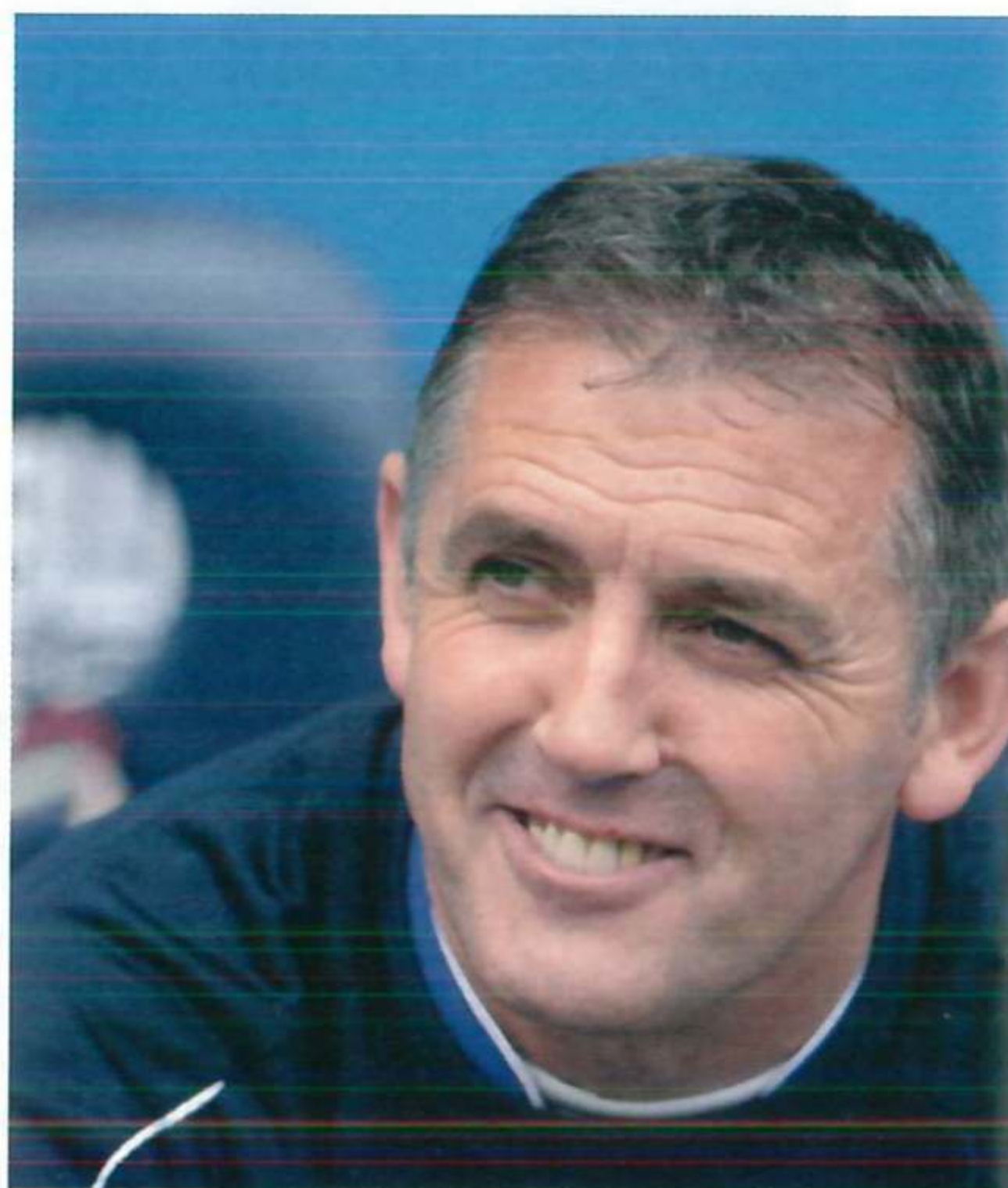
Unfortunately this is where it all went wrong. Hoping to pay tribute to the great Nat Lofthouse – the scorer of both goals in their last Final appearance against Manchester United in 1958 - who died in January; they crumbled to a humiliating 5-0 defeat by Stoke. It was a chastening experience for all concerned.

Manager Coyle hailed his heroes as they bounced back from that Wembley horror show to beat Arsenal 2-1 with goals from Daniel Sturridge and substitute Tamir Cohen. "We showed strength of character, resilience, everything you could ask after such a horrible day," he said.



It was the spanner in the works as far as Arsenal's Premiership title ambitions were concerned but Bolton failed to build on this success and finished the season with a whimper suffering five straight defeats.

Coyle has needed to concentrate this summer on filling the gaps up front following the departures of Elmander and Sturridge, who was on a season long loan from Chelsea. And they will miss the energy of Stuart Holden in the centre of midfield the former York City player not expected to return from rehab, having damaged a knee at Old Trafford, until September.







# UNIQUELY ENGLISH

**Kevin Davies's** goals-per-game ratio is hardly that of a Golden Boot winner yet he showed excellent control and first touch from an early age and contributes so many other qualities to the game.

**There is something uniquely English about Kevin's style of play. He is big and tough good in the air and fully committed to every challenge. He doesn't possess the finesse of a Dennis Bergkamp but has an abundance of the bulldog spirit of a Nat Lofthouse.**

Sheffield born and bred Chesterfield pinched Kevin from under the noses of the Blades and the Owls to sign him on as a trainee in April 1994. His League baptism was from the bench in a 1-0 home defeat to Walsall (18-9-93) and he registered his first goal in the competition in a 3-0 victory over Carlisle (5-3-94).

Southampton paid £750,000 for his registration, Blackburn £7.25 million and he had a second spell with the Saints and a loan at Millwall before arriving at Bolton on a free in July 2003. Since then Kevin has been the peoples' hero and won several POY awards.



While the fans and the media championed his cause for an England cap the Bolton skipper was naturally frustrated having attended a series of provisional squad call-ups for the three lions only to be ditched by a succession of national team managers.

It must have hurt yet he was able to joke about it saying: "My half brother is Jamaican, so I might try for them. I've more chance of getting into that squad than the England one."

The bustling fully committed front man had attracted the attention of Scotland. Kevin explains: "They wanted to know if I had any Scottish relatives and

I wasn't too sure at the time, so I didn't take it any further." Kevin's patience was

rewarded when at 33 he swapped the white shirt of Bolton for that of England when taking the field against Montenegro last October.

His selection brought a big smile to the face of his former Bolton manager Sam Allardyce who said: "Seven years ago I told Kevin he was too fat

for the Premier League. The fact he turned his fortunes around is entirely down to him. At one stage playing for his country, or captaining Bolton, would have been too much for him. Now he's done both and I couldn't be more proud."

It has not been success all the way however for Kevin, who plays with as much muscularity as is permitted in the modern game, has experienced the highs and lows of football and endured an unhappy time at Ewood Park after then manager Roy Hodgson had splashed out a Blackburn record £7.25 million to sign him from Southampton in 1998. That was ten times the price the Saints had paid Chesterfield for him the year before and he returned to the Dell having scored but two goals in 17 starts for Rovers.

"Sometimes that happens," says Kevin. "But it was a situation that gave me strength and that has probably helped me."

Owen Coyle says of his skipper: "Our strength is the team but there are some exceptional individual performances and Kevin makes a contribution even when he doesn't score. But when the goals come, he goes on to another level."





# Bolton Wanderers Leading by example

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles ten leading post-war Bolton Wanderers captains



## WILLIE MOIR

Scotland international inside-right Willie Moir captained Bolton Wanderers in the 1953 FA Cup final. He was stationed at RAF Kirkham during wartime service and turned professional at Burnden Park in April 1943. Leading marksman

in 1948-49, scoring four times in a 4-2 win at Aston Villa, he gained his solitary cap against England in April 1950 and netted 118 goals in 325 First Division outings for Wanderers prior to joining Stockport County in September 1955. He became their player-boss, then managed Nelson and was a sales rep. Retaining links with Bolton, he helped out on the commercial side at Wanderers until his death in May 1988.



## NAT LOFTHOUSE

England international centre-forward Nat Lofthouse holds Bolton Wanderers' all-time goalscoring record. Signing professional at Burnden Park in August 1942, he starred in wartime football and earned the tag 'Lion of Vienna'

when he scored twice for England against Austria in May 1952. He was 'Footballer of the Year' when Bolton were FA Cup finalists in 1953 and captained Wanderers' 1958 FA Cup final triumph. Capped 33 times, he represented the Football League and netted 255 goals in 452 First Division games until retiring in May 1961. He was later Bolton's coach, then manager, chief scout and club president until his death in January 2011.



## WARWICK RIMMER

Long-serving defender Warwick Rimmer skippered Bolton Wanderers' 1972-73 Third Division title triumph. A nephew of former England international Ellis Rimmer, he turned professional at Burnden Park in March 1958 and

made his first-team debut in Bolton's first-ever League Cup tie at Hull City in October 1960. He was ever-present four times including their 1964-65 promotion near-miss, netting 17 goals in 469 League games for Wanderers before joining Crewe Alexandra in March 1975, becoming their player-manager. After working in Bolton's commercial department, he has been Tranmere Rovers' youth development officer for over 20 years.



## ROY GREAVES

Long-serving midfielder Roy Greaves captained Bolton Wanderers' 1977-78 Second Division title triumph. Born locally, he turned professional at Burnden Park in January 1965 and scored twice on his home debut in

Bolton's 3-2 defeat by Southampton nine months later. He was twice leading marksman, then ever-present in Wanderers' 1972-73 Third Division title campaign and League Cup run. Also starring as Bolton were League Cup semi-finalists in 1976-77, he netted 66 goals in 495 League games for Wanderers before joining Seattle Sounders in March 1980. Later Rochdale's player-coach, he became a local beer and wine wholesaler.



## MARK CAME

Central defender Mark Came skippered Bolton Wanderers' 1987-88 promotion success. He played for Winsford United prior to joining Bolton in April 1984 and featured in the 1986 Freight Rover Trophy final. Helping Wanderers qualify

for the Third Division play-offs in two consecutive seasons, he starred in the 1991-92 FA Cup run and netted seven goals in 195 League games before moving to Chester City in December 1992. He starred as they won promotion in 1993-94 and joined Exeter City in July 1994. Returning to Winsford in July 1996, he later became steward at the Conservative Club. His son Shaun briefly played for Macclesfield Town.



## PHIL BROWN

Versatile right-back Phil Brown skippered Bolton Wanderers' 1992-93 promotion success and FA Cup run. Signing professional for Hartlepool in July 1978, he joined Halifax Town in July 1985 and was ever-present

in 1986-87. He moved to Bolton in June 1988 and skippered their 1989 Sherpa Van Trophy final triumph, also appearing at Wembley in the 1990-91 Third Division play-off final. Scoring 14 goals in 256 League outings for Wanderers prior to joining Blackpool in July 1994, he helped them qualify for the Second Division play-offs in 1995-96. He rejoined Bolton as coach and has since managed Derby County, Hull City and currently Preston.





#### ALAN STUBBS

England B international central defender Alan Stubbs captained Bolton Wanderers in the 1995 League Cup final. Signing professional for Bolton in July 1990, he made his League debut in their 1-0 defeat at home to Bradford City

two months later and helped Wanderers to reach the Third Division play-off final in 1990-91. He was an important figure in Bolton's 1992-93 and 1994-95 promotion successes and netted nine goals in 202 League games before sold to Celtic for £3,500,000 in May 1996. Starring in two Scottish League title triumphs, he later played for Everton, Sunderland, Everton again and Derby County. He is now a youth coach at Everton.



#### GUDNI BERGSSON

Iceland international defender Gudni Bergsson skippered Bolton Wanderers' 1996-97 First Division title triumph. A former law student at Reykjavik University, he helped Valur win the Icelandic

League title in 1987 and Icelandic Cup in 1988 before joining Tottenham Hotspur in December 1988. He moved to Bolton for £115,000 in March 1995. Featuring in that season's League Cup final and First Division play-off final success, he also helped Wanderers win promotion via the First Division play-offs in 2000-01, netting 23 goals in 270 League games for Bolton until hanging up his boots in May 2003. He has become a lawyer back in Iceland.



#### JAY JAY OKOCHA

Nigeria international midfielder Jay Jay Okocha captained Bolton Wanderers in the 2004 Carling Cup final. Initially with hometown Enugu, he had spells with Nuenkirchen, Eintracht Frankfurt,

Fenerbahce and Paris St Germain before moving to Reebok Stadium in August 2002. Voted 'Player of the Tournament' for Nigeria in the 2004 African Nations' Cup, he starred as Bolton qualified for the UEFA Cup in 2004-05 and netted 14 goals in 124 Premiership games prior to joining Qatar SC in June 2006. He reunited with Phil Brown at Hull City in September 2007 and helped win promotion to the top-flight in 2007-08. Now has various business interests.

## KEVIN NOLAN

England U-21 midfielder Kevin Nolan starred as Bolton Wanderers qualified for the UEFA Cup in 2004-05 and 2006-07. He turned professional at Reebok Stadium in January 2000 and made his League debut in Bolton's 2-0 defeat at home to Charlton Athletic two months later. He featured in Wanderers' 2000-01 First Division play-off final triumph and was top scorer in 2003-04. Playing for Bolton in the 2004 Carling Cup final, he netted 40 goals in 296 League games before sold to Newcastle United for £4,000,000 in January 2009. He was a key figure in their 2009-10 Championship title triumph and reunited with Sam Allardyce at West Ham in June 2011.



Kevin Nolan





# looking back...

Good afternoon and a warm welcome back to The Coral Windows Stadium at Valley Parade. We welcome back our players some of whom we are watching for the first time this afternoon. We also welcome everyone from Bolton.

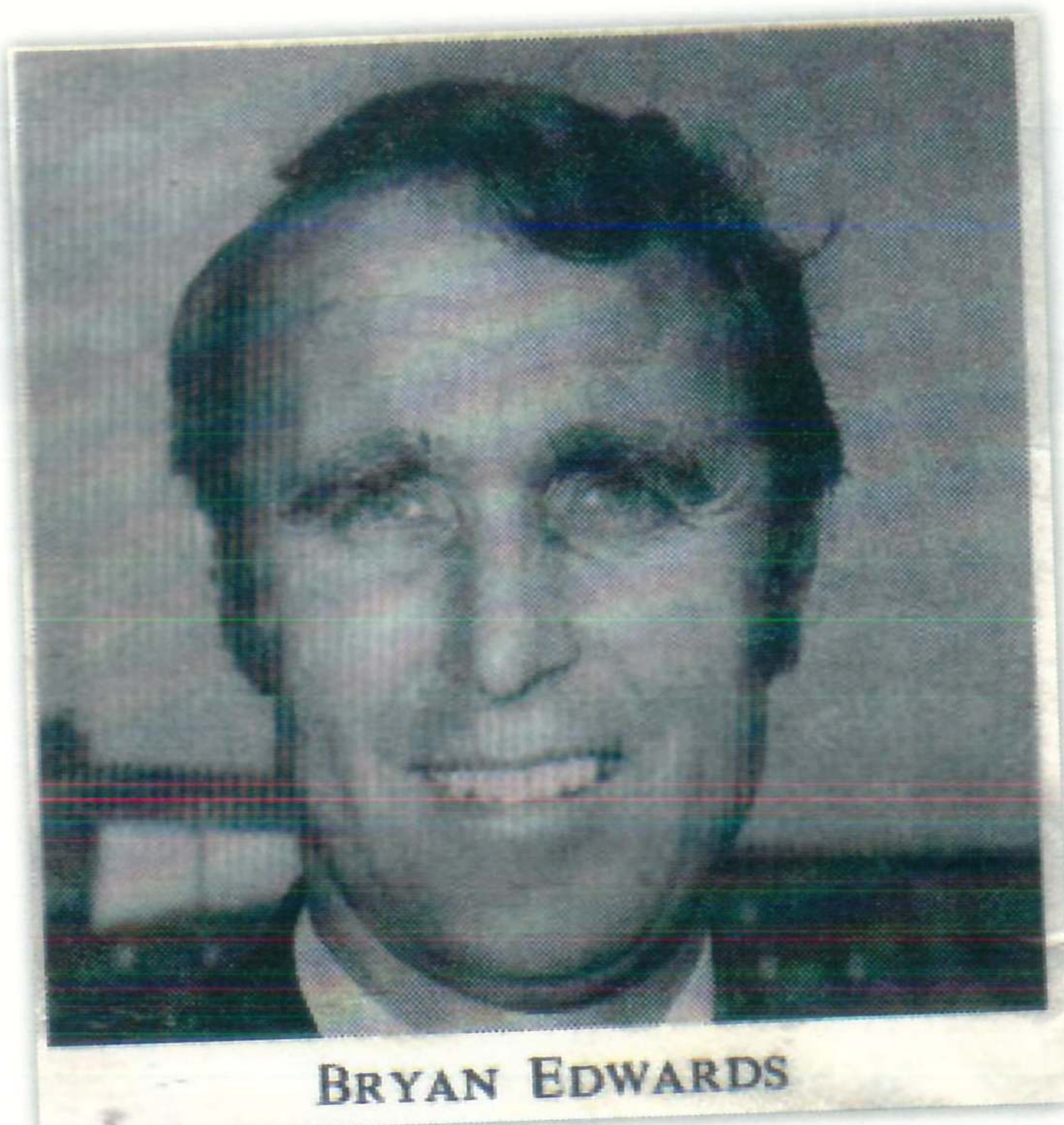
A former footballer who spent most of his working life at either Bolton Wanderers or Bradford City is Bryan Edwards. Those of you who have a long memory will remember Bryan as a former manager here before having a long spell as physiotherapist and more latterly as a match day host prior to his recent retirement, mind you he is an octogenarian these days.

Bryan was born in Woodlesford near Leeds and had trials with first division side Bolton, at the same time he had trials with Yorkshire Cricket Club as he was a excellent cricketer as well. He followed the football route and signed for Bolton as a professional in 1948. He was to stay at Burnden Park for eighteen years, though he did have to serve two years national service in that time. Bryan was what was called a half back in those days, playing right across the half back line as either centre half or right or left half. I suppose he was what we would call a defensive midfield player in today's parlance.

Bryan missed out on the Matthews Cup Final of 1953 when Blackpool under the influence of Sir Stanley Matthews came back from 3-1 down to beat Bolton 4-3 with two goals in the final two minutes. He did however play in the 1958 F A Cup Final when Bolton defeated Manchester United 2-0 with both goals coming from the Lion of Vienna, the late Nat Lofthouse.







**“He did however play in the 1958 F A Cup Final when Bolton defeated Manchester United 2-0 with both goals coming from the Lion of Vienna, the late Nat Lofthouse”**

The final played in the shadow of the Munich Disaster in February of 1958 was always known as Manchester United's final, and I think most people would have been rooting for United to win for the victims of the crash at Munich. Nat Lofthouse had other ideas and gave The Trotters a second minute lead, from which United did not recover. A second highly controversial goal gave Bolton a 2-0 lead, Lofthouse quite literally charged United goalkeeper Harry Gregg into the back of the net, despite the

Irishman having the ball firmly in both hands, having pushed a hard drive up into the air and caught it on its descent. However those were the rules back then and so Bryan won an F A Cup Winners Medal.

Having made 483 league appearances for Bolton, Bryan retired in 1965 at the age of 35 and joined Blackpool as assistant trainer-coach, he held a similar position at Preston North End before heading for the south west joining Plymouth Argyle as chief coach. In November 1971

Bryan was appointed manager of a struggling Bradford City who even at that stage were fighting a losing battle against relegation from Division Three. Bryan brought in experienced striker Gerry Ingram, but was unable to keep City in the third division. After a dodgy start to the 1972-73 season, Bryan bought a former Bolton colleague John Napier as a centre half and moved Graham Oates into midfield, he was also responsible for bringing Allan Gilliver to Valley Parade. That first season as we entered the winter months City played some scintillating football culminating in a 2-0 F A Cup 4th Round defeat at Arsenal, thought had chances to at least level the scoreline before Alan Ball clinched victory for The Gunners.

Unfortunately for Bryan he was just unable to bring promotion to City and in January 1975 a couple of months after a boardroom change which brought Jack Tordoff to the board, Bryan resigned his post as manager in preference to Bobby Kennedy. Following spells at Huddersfield and Leeds, Bryan returned to Valley Parade in July 1977, from then he fulfilled roles as physiotherapist, caretaker manager and general manager. Bryan was an absolute legend at Bolton and exactly the same at City.

**“He was to stay at Burnden Park for eighteen years, though he did have to serve two years national service in that time.”**



PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY  
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SCORERES:



# Carlisle United



## A LOCAL HERO

by Colin Benson

IT was surely a case of "you don't know what you're doing" when young Greg Abbott was shown the door by his hometown club Coventry City. Not everyone agreed with that decision and he was recommended to Bradford City where our manager, Trevor Cherry, the former England and Leeds United fullback, certainly knew a class defender when he saw one and took Abbott on.

It proved a brilliant signing and eight months after arriving at Valley Parade Greg made the first of 343 senior appearances for the club playing at right-back in a 3-1 defeat at Plymouth Argyle on February 19, 1983.

The young defender made 11 Third Division appearances that season while remaining a regular in the reserve team that won the Northern Intermediate League Cup. Already his technical ability was being tested as he alternated between fullback and a role in midfield.

The following season saw him establish himself as a regular Greg's ability going forward rewarded with his first senior goal against Lincoln City during an amazing run in which the Bantams set a club record of 10 consecutive victories. City were looking good for promotion but fell away in the closing weeks to finish seventh, Greg Abbott having started in the final 20 games finishing the season with four goals in 39 appearances.

The foundation for

success was laid but the triumph of 1984-85 was bitter sweet. The Bantams won the Third Division title by four points but Greg and his fellow team mates were left with tragic memories after the game with Lincoln City was abandoned on the fateful afternoon that fire swept through the stand leaving 56 supporters dead.

City became football nomads playing home matches at various grounds while Valley Parade was re-built. Nonetheless Greg returned the best scoring figures of his entire career finishing the campaign as joint top scorer alongside John Hendrie with 13 goals – 10 in the League – and nine of his 13 being converted penalties.

Into Division Two and Abbott set another personal record with his first hat-trick at senior level. It was notched in a 3-1 victory over Plymouth Argyle on September 16, 1987, a season in which we were in contention for promotion right to the end when we were beaten 3-2 on aggregate by Middlesbrough in the play-off semi-final.

Greg was a local hero but the arrival of John Docherty as City boss in 1990 proved a turning point. Docherty preferred to play players he had brought in from his previous club Millwall and Greg found himself out of favour.

Abbott had made his last start for Bradford City in the number eight shirt at home to Southend United on April 6, 1991, finishing the season with 21(5) League appearances to take his total for the club to 281 (38 goals).



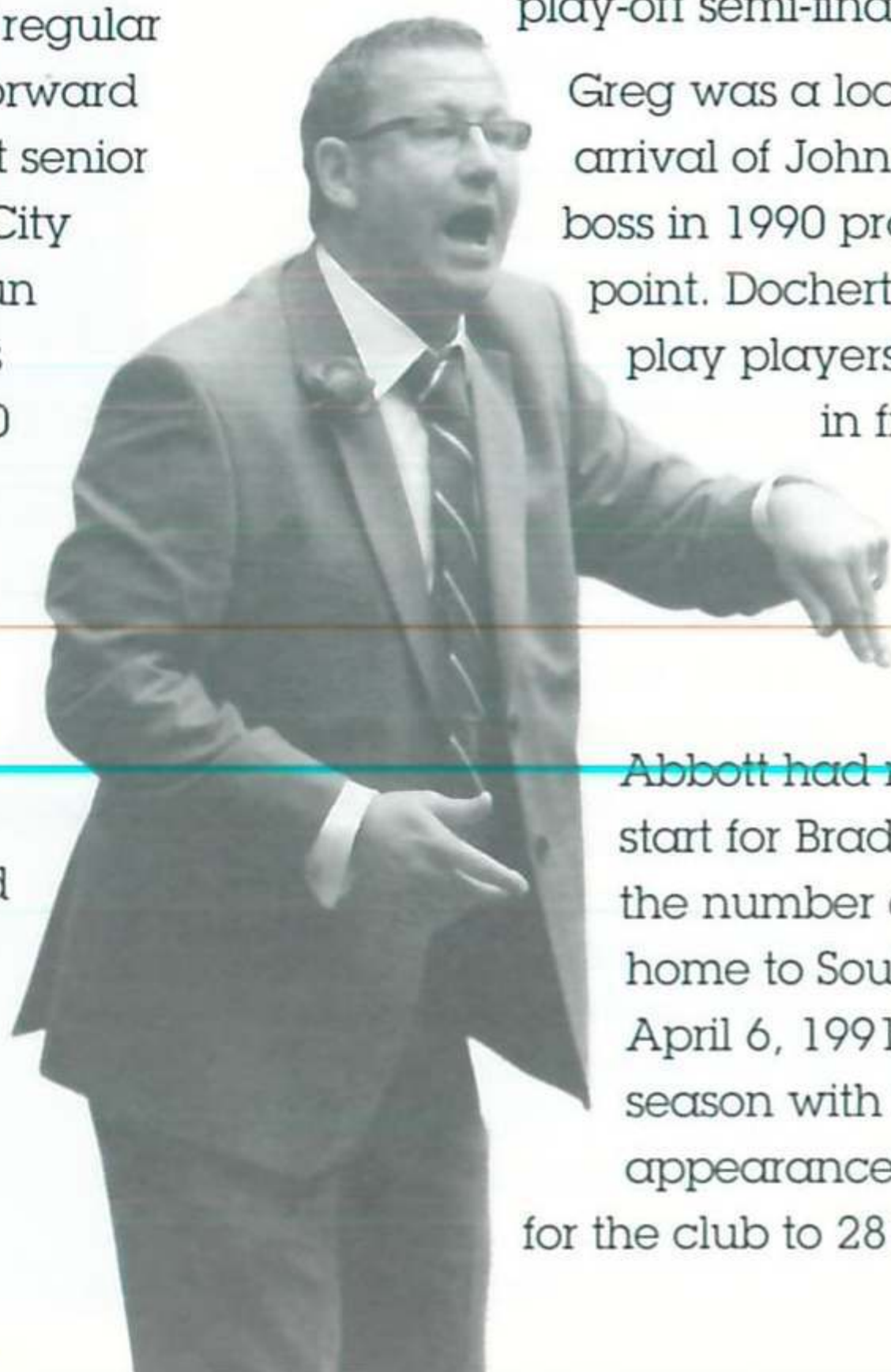
Sadly he left Valley Parade on acrimonious terms claiming Docherty had split the dressing room. "I thought John Docherty was a disaster," he said when joining Halifax Town in a £25,000 move.

He played one season in the Fourth Division with The Sharmen joining Guiseley for three-months after injury before called back to League action by former City team-mate Terry Dolan who signed Greg for Hull City.

After a scoring debut for the Tigers against Doncaster Rovers in a Football League Trophy game Gregory Stephen Abbott chalked up another 124 (15 goals) appearances in four seasons at Boothferry Park before hanging up his boots in 1996.

Another former team-mate from his Valley Parade days, Ces Podd, then invited Greg to join the coaching staff at Leeds United where he ran the Academy alongside Brian Kidd while also managing to fit in assistant managerial roles with Guiseley and later Thackley.

Having turned down the opportunity to do some part-time coaching for Paul Jewel at Wigan Greg joined Carlisle United in July 2006 as assistant manager to Neil McDonald. Became caretaker boss when first McDonald and then his successor, John Ward, were fired before landing the job himself.





# The Squad



**ADAM COLLIN**  
Goalkeeper

Signed from Workington Town in 2009 Adam was a trainee with Newcastle United who loaned him out to Doncaster and Oldham prior to his joining Workington in 2004. He made a big impression with them keeping 21 clean-sheets in 50 appearances in his first season which culminated with him being chosen in the Unibond Team of the Year. Adam was linked with a move to Sheffield Wednesday but stayed at Borough Park until signing for the Cumbrians in July 2009 beginning the campaign as second choice although on his debut, in the JPT against Morecambe, he became the match winner with three saves in the penalty shoot-out. A League debut followed at the MK Dons in November 2010 and he retained the jersey for the remainder of the season.

**MARK GILLESPIE**  
Goalkeeper

Mark has graduated through the youth ranks at Brunton Park making his senior debut in the last five minutes of the League game at Carrow Road in the final match of 2009-10 when Collin was forced to leave the field in United's 2-0 defeat. In so doing Mark, at the age of 18-years and 42 days, became the youngest goalkeeper ever to represent Carlisle United at Football League level.

**FRANK SIMEK**  
Defender

In his second season with the Cumbrians who he joined when out of contract with Sheffield Wednesday Frank was born in St Louis, Missouri (13-10-84). Came to this country with his family at the age of 10 and was taken on by Arsenal as a scholar in August 2001 (at the age of 12). He acquitted himself well at youth level and was a regular for the Gunners reserve team in 2003-04 the tough tackling American who was representing the USA at youth level, establishing himself at centre-half. It was in this position that he made his one and only senior appearance for Arsenal (2-12-03), producing a composed performance in the centre of the defence alongside Stathis Tavlaridis in the 5-1 defeat of Wolverhampton in the League Cup. Played on loan for QPR and Bournemouth, making the first of five straight centre-back appearances for Rangers in a 2-1 defeat at Preston (19-10-04) and completing that season with eight straight starts for the Cherries including a 4-2 defeat here at Valley Parade. He moved to Hillsborough

in August 2005 eventually establishing himself at right-back making 113(6) League appearances. Frank claimed his fifth cap for the USA in March 2010.

**LUBOMIR MICHALIK**  
Central Defender

Made his United npower League One debut in the goalless home draw with Swindon Town (4-9-10). The 6' 4" Slovakia international was brought to the UK by Bolton who signed the former Cadca defender from FC Senec in January 2007. 'Lubo' made 8(3) Premier League appearances for the Trotters after making his League debut on loan at Leeds in a 1-0 victory over Luton (10-3-07). Leeds had suffered three straight defeats before his inclusion. They won four and drew two of his seven games and his late header secured a 2-1 win over Plymouth. Recalled to the Reebok when Bolton were hit by an injury crisis Michalik featured in Bolton's last four games making his full Premiership debut at Chelsea where he scored the opening goal in a 2-2 draw. The following season he remained on the fringe and the signing of Gary Cahil prompted his departure to Leeds for £500,000.

**DANNY LIVESEY**  
Central Defender

Danny's first Premiership exposure for Bolton was from the bench in a 2-3 home defeat to Liverpool (14-9-02) and against Manchester City later that year. Having made an impact on loans at Notts County and Rochdale Danny started the 2004-05 campaign on loan with Blackpool but struggled with his fitness and returned to the Reebok. Joined Carlisle, then playing in the Conference, initially on a one month loan, from on Christmas Eve 2004 and within a month had been signed up to play a significant part in securing the Cumbrians return to League football. He formed a solid partnership alongside Kevin Gray winning a Division Two championship winners' medal in 2006 and inclusion in the PFA League One team in 2008

a campaign in which he took on the captaincy when Paul Thirlwell was injured. A totally committed competitor Danny nonetheless displays a calm assured image that gives assurance to his colleagues.

**PETER MURPHY**  
Central Defender

Signed in 2001 from Blackburn Rovers Peter is the club's longest serving player and last season topped 400 appearances for the Cumbrians as a left sided defender or midfield player. Peter inscribed his name into the club's history books when he scored the goal at Stoke against Stevenage Borough in the 2005 Conference Play-Off final that earned the Blues a return to the Football League. He made his full international bow for the Republic of Ireland in his favourite centre-half position in a 1-1 draw with Bolivia in 2007 so becoming only the second player in Carlisle's history – following Eric Welsh – to win a full international cap. Manager Greg Abbott rates him highly and says: "Peter's a great lad to have around and he played some good football for us last season."





## MATTHEW ROBSON

Defender/Midfield

Matty arrived from Hartlepool United in the summer of 2009 and made an immediate impact with his enthusiasm and positive attitude as a hard working left sided utility player. He has an eye for goal as we know to our cost when he scored what was voted Carlisle's 'Goal of the Season' against us in the Northern Semi-Final of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy the season before last. Matt was a third year scholar at Victoria Park when he made a scoring debut in a 4-3 win at Peterborough on the opening day of the 2003-04 season and finished that campaign having made 17(6) League appearances to start a career that has now stretched to over 200 League games for Hartlepool and Carlisle. Initially a left-winger he was converted successfully to leftback midway through last season.

## ANDREW WELSH

Midfield

Left winger Andrew became the first recruit signed this summer after three seasons with Yeovil Town where his 'assists' record was very impressive. A Scottish youth international Andy was formerly a trainee with Stockport County with whom he made 9(6) League appearances in 2001-02 following his debut from the bench in a 4-0 home defeat to Millwall (27-10-01), while still only 17. He went on to total 44(31) League appearances for the Hatters and six more for Macclesfield on loan prior to a £15,000 move to Sunderland in November 2004. He made a scoring home debut in the FA Cup victory over Premiership Crystal Palace and came up trumps again with a spectacular volley that levelled the score at QPR and turned the game in the Black Cats favour in their League Championship winning season. After three years at the Stadium of Light and two stints on loan with Leicester Andy spent a season with MLS club Toronto FC in 2007-08 returning from Canada in August 2007 to sign for Blackpool making just

3(18) League appearances before moving on to Yeovil in September 2008.

## JON-PAUL McGOVERN

Midfield

The Glaswegian became Greg Abbott's second summer signing ending four years with Swindon Town. The 30-year-old right-winger was signed by Celtic as a junior from Heart of Midlothian in June 2000 but had to go to Sheffield United and Livingston on loan to gain senior experience and it was the Owls, not the Blades, who clinched his free transfer in June 2004. Strong on the ball with deceptive pace his accurate crosses were well received and he was an ever-present for Wednesday in their 2004-05 promotion season. The next year was fraught with injuries and in August 2006 he stepped down two divisions to join the MK Dons leaving them for Swindon in August 2007.

## TOM TAIWO

Midfield

Greg Abbott was instrumental in bringing Tom through the youth ranks at Leeds United and drafted him in on a six-month loan from Chelsea last season. Still only 21 the midfield dynamo was rated a £1m player in his teens during which he was outstanding in the Leeds youth ranks. He turned down a scholarship at Elland Road in preference for the bright lights of the Chelsea Academy but unable to break into the Blues elite he went on loan with Port Vale making the first of four League appearances from the bench in a 3-1 home win over Bournemouth (30-8-08). Tom returned to the shadows of Stamford Bridge before joining the Cumbrians and registering his first career goal against Hartlepool.

## PAUL THIRLWELL

Midfield

The skipper has proved to be a key figure as a holding player in the middle of the park although persistent injuries have interrupted his career. At Sunderland he

graduated from the youth ranks to make 55(22) P/FL appearances having also played 12 games for Swindon on loan and made one appearance for England at under-21 level. The 2003-04 season was notable when he was appointed captain of the club he supported as a boy but it ended in pain with a succession of injuries including two calf strains, a broken nose and a fractured skull. Paul went to Sheffield United on a free in July 2004 enjoying one season with the Blades before switching to Derby County in August 2005. He initially joined Carlisle on loan in September 2006 and impressed enough to secure a more permanent deal.



## FRANCOIS ZOKO

Striker

Capped 19 times by the Ivory Coast at U20 & U23 levels he was signed following a one week trial in July 2010. Greg Abbott said of him following a 1-0 win at Hillsborough: "He doesn't listen because he can't speak English. He's a free spirit, he does what he wants, but he gives us that bit of quality and flair." Six League goals in 40(4) app.



## CRAIG CURRAN

Striker

A product of the Trammere Rovers school of excellence he made his League bow at the age of 17 against Bristol City in January 2007 and scored with his first touch when coming on for his home debut to spark a 2-1 win over Brighton (9-4-07). A prolific scorer at junior levels Craig finished that season in grand style when in his second start, in the final game of the season, he claimed goals in the 5th, 7th and 36th minutes to beat Brentford 3-1 and become the youngest player ever to score a hat-trick beating the record set by the Everton legend Dixie Dean in 1924. Craig scored 14 goals in 48(49) League games for Trammere and last season claimed the first of eight goals for Carlisle in the 1-0 win at Sheffield Wednesday (11-9-10).

*The squad also includes:*

*Goalkeeper: Tony Caig.*

*Defenders: Stephen O'Halloran, Steven*

*Swinglehurst. Midfield:*

*James Berrett, Liam Nolan on loan from Sunderland, Ben*

*McKenna. Strikers: Rory Loy, Patrick Madden.*





# Carlisle United

by Colin Benson

**The Cumbrians enjoyed a fruitful campaign last season during which they won the Johnstone's Paint Trophy beating Brentford 1-0 at Wembley. They had opened the season with a 2-0 home win over the Londoners.**

Striving to better their 14th place finish the previous season Carlisle shot off to a confident start and after three games topped the npower League One table ahead of Oldham Athletic, Charlton Athletic and Sheffield Wednesday on goal difference.

Manager Greg Abbott summing up a convincing 4-1 home win over the MK Dons, in which Graham Kavanagh had set up all four goals, reflected: "We were slow out of the traps and they frustrated us early on. But we played some fantastic stuff at times and were comfortable winners."

Abbott's cut-price team, featuring seven summer free transfers, were gelling well and James Berrett, the Ireland Under-21 international, voiced the opinion that this team was good enough to compete at the top and match their more illustrious rivals.

"I don't see why we can't stay up there with those teams all season," he said. "If we keep playing like we are, we don't have to fear anyone in this division."

Craig Curran won the top of the table battle with the Owls with the only strike to secure the Cumbrians first win at Hillsborough in 10 attempts.

Into mid-January and the 4-0 eclipse of Bristol Rovers proved that Carlisle could still score goals following the £200,000 transfer of ace striker Gary Madine to Sheffield Wednesday and Francois Zoko lashed in a volley to end Notts County's eight-game unbeaten run.

James Berrett then hit a 30-yard wonder goal to clinch a 1-0 win at

Swindon but afterwards the hero confessed: "It's the best goal I've ever scored but I'm not sure I could do it again. I just turned, had a quick look up and had a go. To see it fly in was incredible."

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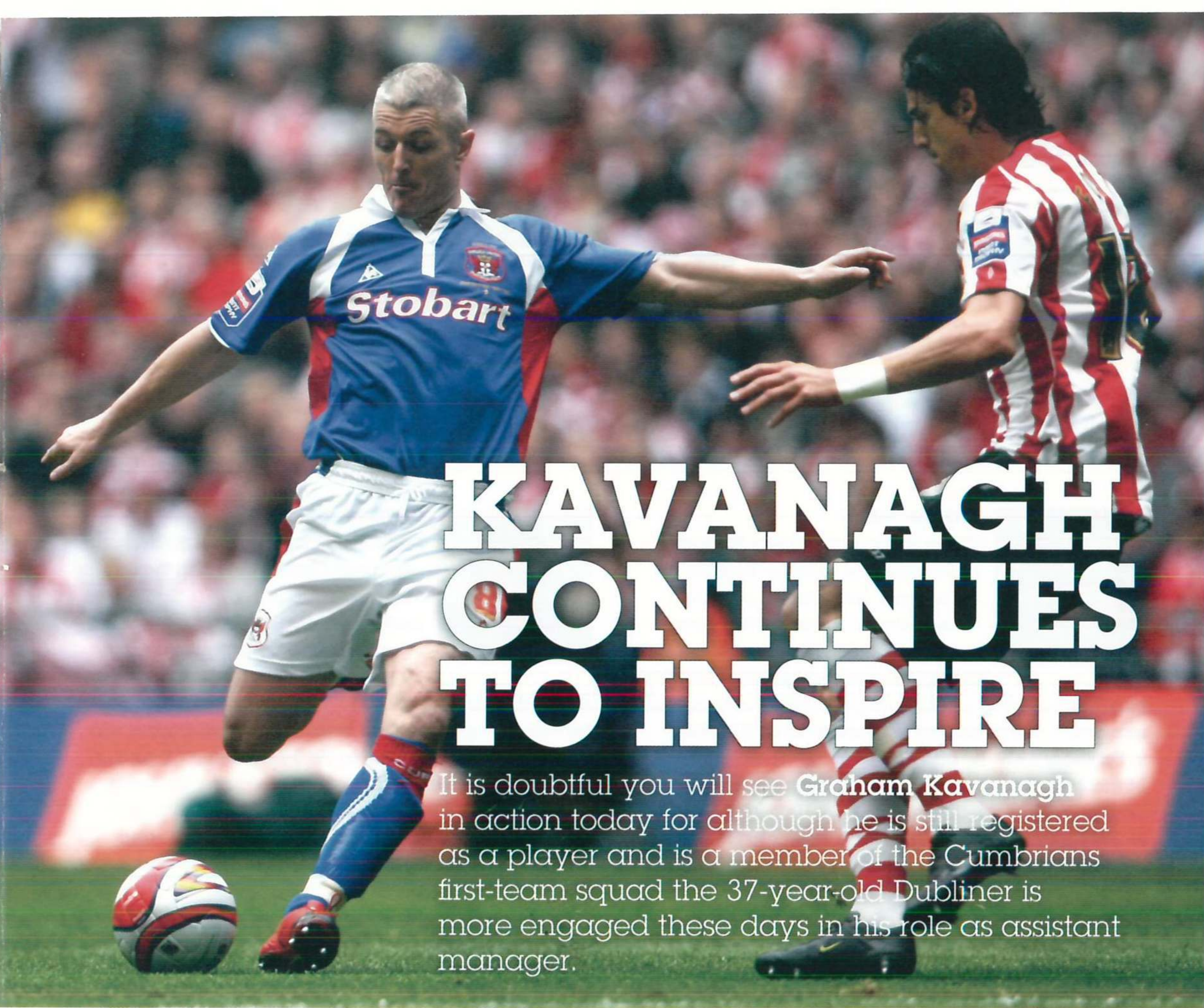
- James Berrett

But with a small squad United were unable to maintain the momentum and by early April had slipped down to 14th following a 3-2 defeat at the MK Dons. A refreshing 4-1 home win over Colchester followed by a 3-2 victory at Rochdale was then followed by a crushing 3-0 defeat at Dagenham.

"We've come to the end of a long hard season and it showed," reflected Greg Abbott and it showed in the final game in which they lost 2-0 at home to Yeovil. Nonetheless a mid-table finish (12th) provided an encouraging foundation on which to plan this season's assault.







# KAVANAGH CONTINUES TO INSPIRE

It is doubtful you will see **Graham Kavanagh** in action today for although he is still registered as a player and is a member of the Cumbrians first-team squad the 37-year-old Dubliner is more engaged these days in his role as assistant manager.

**It has been a long and exciting journey since Middlesbrough signed him from Dublin club Home Farm back in August 1991 and although introduced to League football in 1992-93 he was somewhat eclipsed by all the big names arriving at the Riverside at that time and played on loan with Darlington before really making his mark in February 1996. That was when he eased into the team and was even entrusted with a penalty at Leeds in the third minute, scoring with a cheeky little shuffle to clinch Boro's first win in 14 Premier League games.**

Stoke City boss Lou Macari, who claimed Graham had the hardest shot in football, signed him for £250,000 in September 1996 and in 1999 he was capped by the Republic of Ireland and scored in a 2-0 victory over Sweden at Lansdowne Road. He made his first start for the Republic

against Canada and was included in their Euro 2000 squad on occasions.

Receiving the accolade of his fellow professionals Graham was selected in the PFA Second Division team of the year in 1999 and with maturity came a much improved disciplinary record allowing his football to do the talking. He put on a 'Man of the Match' performance at Wembley when Stoke won the Auto Windscreens Shield final in 2000.

Kavanagh became skipper of Cardiff City following a £1 million transfer in July 2001 helping them win promotion to division One.

Transferred to Wigan in March 2005 'Kav' played a major part in the Latics promotion campaign

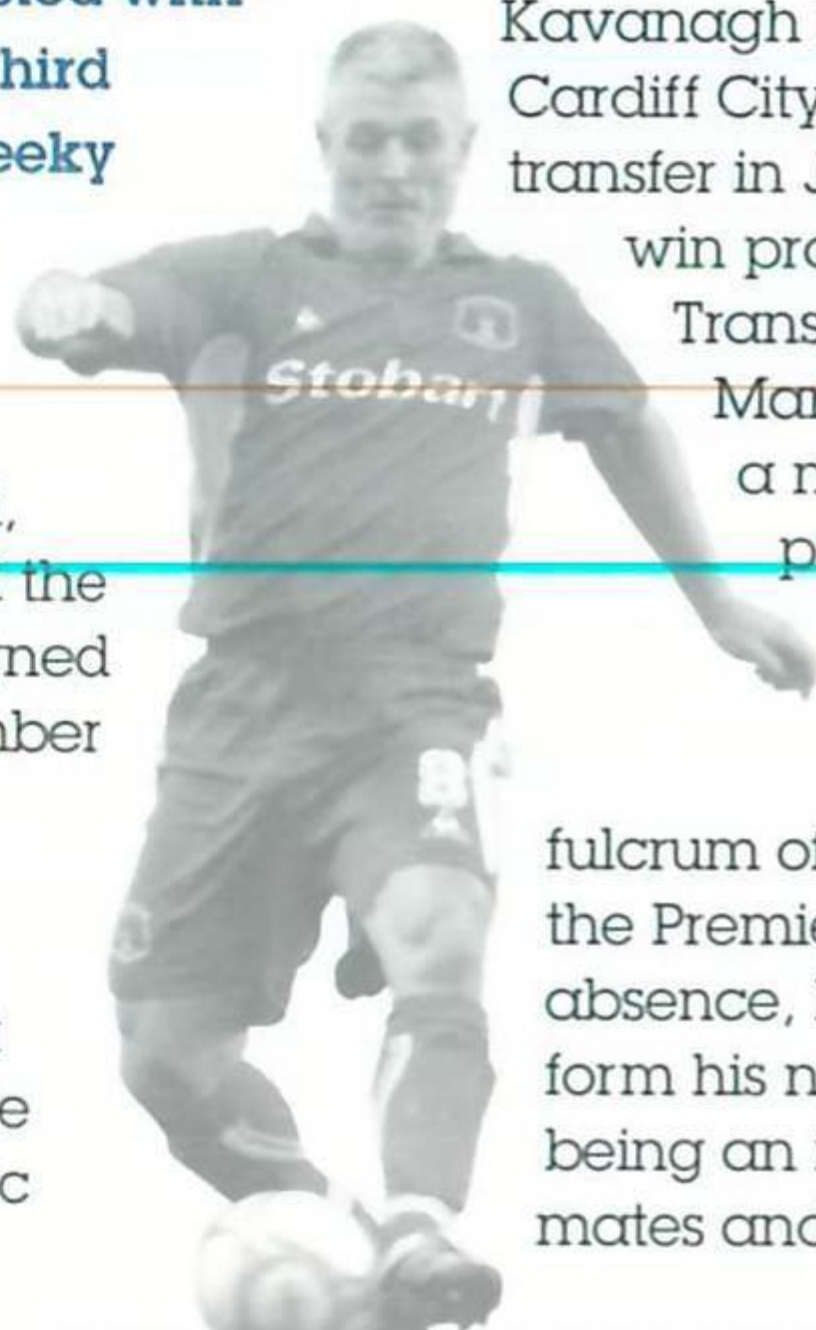
featuring in a holding role in the centre of the field becoming the

fulcrum of the side. Returning to the Premiership after a 10-year absence, he continued in great form his never say die attitude being an inspiration to his team mates and fans alike. They were

sorry to see him leave for Sunderland in a £500,000 deal in August 2006.

At the Stadium of Light he teamed up with his former international team mate Roy Keane but after opening his scoring account with a blistering drive in a 3-0 win at Leeds Graham had to undergo surgery on a knee. Now in the twilight of his career he inspired Sheffield Wednesday during two loan spells in 2007-08 and in October 2008 Carlisle signed him on loan. Graham made his debut at the Mk Dons and soon became the dominant figure in midfield winning the Club's 'Goal of the Season' award with a stunner against Millwall in the final game of that season.

Graham reads the game well, is a strong and fearless competitor with good ball skills and passes with sublime accuracy. He made just one sub appearance in League One last season to take his record to 537 League appearances – 76 goals. He did play at Wembley in the JPT final last term – a fitting climax maybe to a great career.







# Carlisle United

## Leading by example

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles ten leading post-war Carlisle United captains



### IVOR BROADIS

Clever inside-forward Ivor Broadis was capped 14 times by England in between two notable spells at Carlisle United. A former Tottenham Hotspur amateur, he served in the RAF during the war and became Carlisle's player-manager at just 23 in August 1946. Twice leading marksman before moving to Sunderland for £18,000 in February 1949, he also starred in the top-flight for Manchester City and Newcastle United prior to rejoining Carlisle as player-coach in July 1955. He netted 84 goals in 250 League games overall while at Brunton Park before moving to Queen of the South in July 1959 and is now a retired sportswriter living in Carlisle.



### ALEX McINTOSH

Scottish full-back Alex McIntosh was captain as Carlisle United took holders Arsenal to an FA Cup third round replay in 1950-51. Initially with Inverurie Loco Works, he moved to Dundee in July 1943 and featured in two Scottish League Second Division title triumphs prior to joining Barrow in April 1947. He was ever-present in 1947-48 and Bill Shankly signed him for Carlisle in October 1949. Partnering Alex Scott in defence, he scored four goals in 228 League games before leaving Brunton Park in May 1955, then managed a betting shop in Penrith. He was a publican in Penrith and Castle Carrock, residing in Cumrew until his death in April 1998.



### PETER McCONNELL

Forceful wing-half Peter McConnell skippered Carlisle United to the Third Division title in 1964-65. Signing professional for Leeds United in March 1954, he gained top-flight experience before following Ivor Powell to Brunton Park in August 1962. He also captained Carlisle to promotion and the FA Cup fifth round in 1963-64, then the League Cup fifth round and promotion near-miss in 1966-67 and FA Cup third round victory at Newcastle United in 1967-68. Scoring 27 goals in 273 League games prior to joining Bradford City in July 1969, he later played for Scarborough, then was licensee of the Hare & Hounds pub in Rothwell, near Leeds.



### CHRIS BALDERSTONE

Footballing-cricketer Chris Balderstone captained Carlisle United to the League Cup semi-finals in 1969-70. Signing professional for Huddersfield Town in May 1958, he was a regular choice before joining Carlisle in June 1965 and scored their first-ever Second Division goal on his debut. He was ever-present three times and helped Carlisle win promotion to the top-flight in 1973-74. Netting 68 goals in 376 League games prior to joining Doncaster Rovers in July 1975, he later played for Queen of the South. Also an opening batsman for Yorkshire, Leicestershire and England, he became a leading cricket umpire and died in Carlisle in March 2000.



### BILL GREEN

Central defender Bill Green was ever-present captain in Carlisle United's 1974-75 First Division campaign. He turned professional with Hartlepool in June 1969 and captained them before moving to Brunton Park in July 1973. Skippering Carlisle's 1973-74 promotion success, he netted four goals in 119 League games prior to joining West Ham in June 1976. He moved via Peterborough United to Chesterfield in June 1979 and captained their 1981 Anglo-Scottish Cup final triumph, then played for Doncaster Rovers. Later managing Scunthorpe United and Buxton, he has scouted for various clubs including Sheffield Wednesday and Southampton.



### JACKIE ASHURST

Versatile central defender Jackie Ashurst was ever-present captain in Carlisle United's 1981-82 promotion success. He turned professional with Sunderland in October 1971, featuring in their 1972-73 FA Cup run and 1975-76 Second Division title triumph. Moving to Blackpool in October 1979, he reunited with Bob Stokoe at Brunton Park in August 1981. He was also ever-present for Carlisle in 1984-85 and scored twice in 194 League games prior to joining Leeds United in July 1986, helping them reach the Second Division play-off final in 1986-87. Later playing for Doncaster Rovers, he became a partner in an electrical business in Sunderland.





#### DAVID REEVES

Striker David Reeves captained Carlisle United to the Third Division title and Auto Windscreens Shield final in 1994-95. Initially at Heswall with his twin brother Alan, he joined Sheffield Wednesday in August 1986, then Bolton

Wanderers in August 1989. He featured in their 1992-93 promotion campaign and moved via Notts County to Carlisle for a then record £121,000 in December 1993. Leading marksman three times, he netted 48 goals in 127 League games prior to joining Preston for £300,000 in October 1996. He moved to Chesterfield in November 1997 and was a promotion winner in 2000-01, then played for Oldham and Chesterfield again.



#### STEVE HAYWARD

Ex-England Youth midfielder Steve Hayward skippered Carlisle United's 1996-97 promotion and Auto Windscreens Shield 'double' success, netting the decisive penalty at Wembley. Signing professional for

Derby County in September 1988, he failed to secure a regular first-team slot and moved to Brunton Park in March 1995. He helped Carlisle clinch the Third Division title and played in that season's Auto Windscreens Shield final, netting 13 goals in 90 League games prior to joining Fulham in June 1997. Featuring in their 1998-99 Second Division title triumph, he moved to Barnsley in January 2001 where a knee injury ended his career.



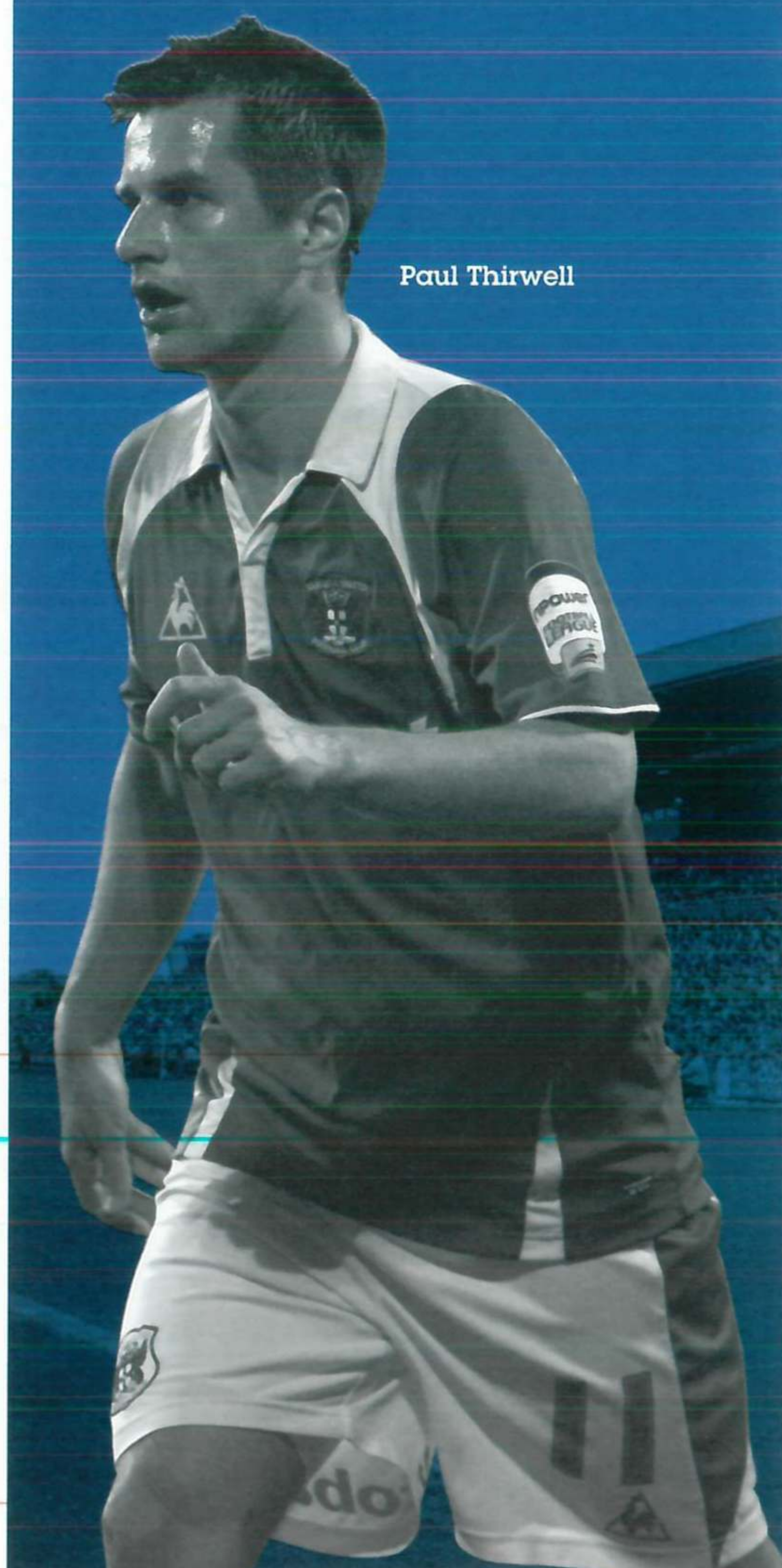
#### KEVIN GRAY

Experienced central defender Kevin Gray skippered Carlisle United to the League Two title and Football League Trophy final in 2005-06. Signing professional for Mansfield Town in July 1990, he helped them win promotion

in 1991-92 and joined Huddersfield Town in an exchange deal involving Iffy Onuora in July 1994. He starred as they qualified for the Second Division play-offs in 2001-02 and moved to Tranmere Rovers in July 2002. Joining Carlisle in November 2003, he captained their 2004-05 Conference play-off final triumph and scored nine goals in 100 League games before moving to Chesterfield in June 2007, then joined Workington.

## PAUL THIRLWELL

Former England U-21 midfielder Paul Thirlwell captained Carlisle United's 2011 Johnstone's Paint Trophy final triumph. He turned professional with Sunderland in April 1997 and was a member of their 1998-99 First Division championship squad. Gaining top-flight experience, he helped them qualify for the First Division play-offs in 2003-04 and moved to Sheffield United in July 2004. He joined Derby County in August 2005 and moved to Brunton Park in September 2006. Unlucky with a series of injury problems, he featured as Carlisle reached the League One play-offs in 2007-08 and skippered them in the 2010 Johnstone's Paint Trophy final.

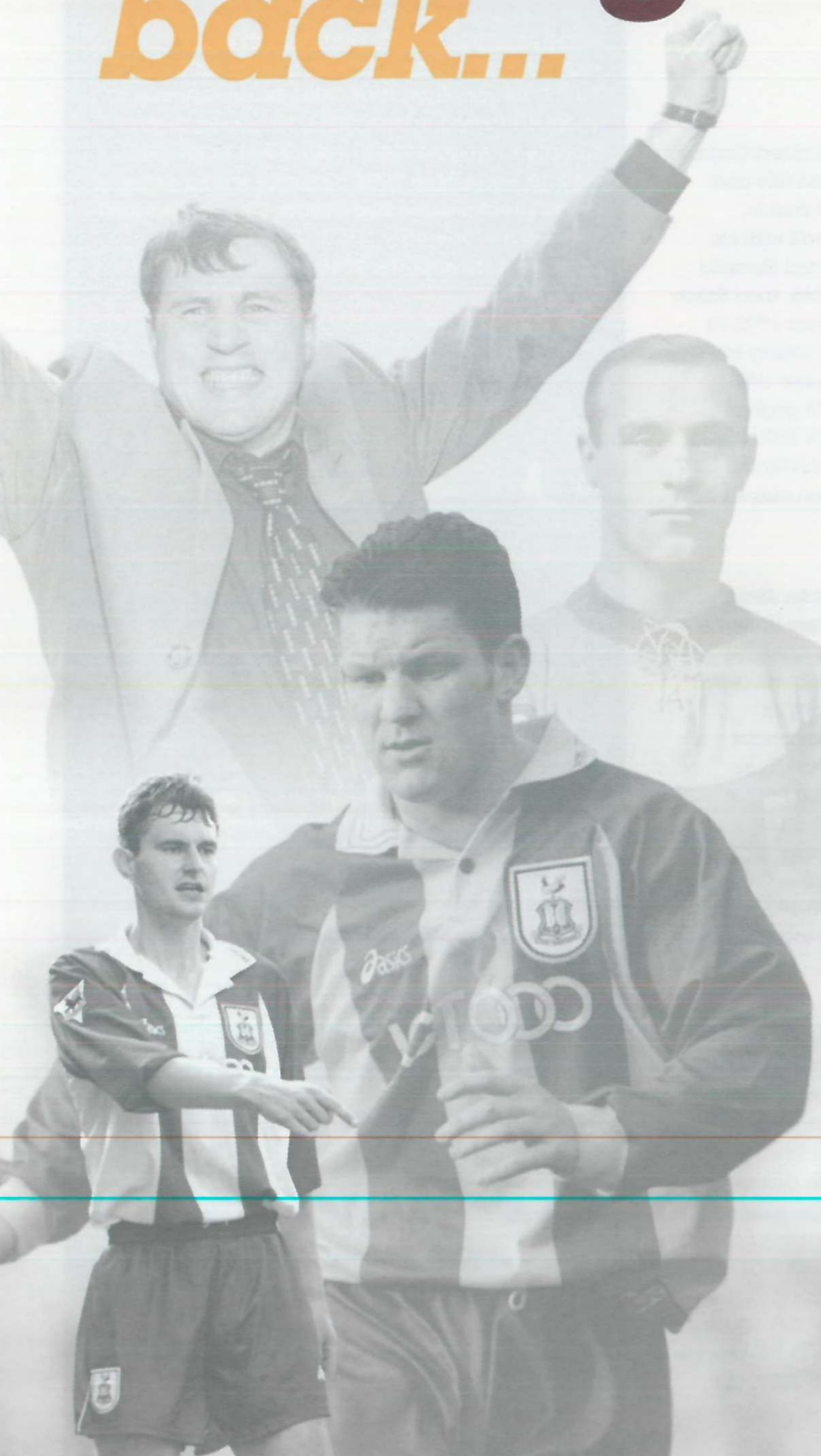


Paul Thirlwell





# looking back...



Good afternoon and a warm welcome back to The Coral Windows Stadium at Valley Parade We also welcome everyone who has travelled down from Cumbria for this afternoon's final pre season friendly. Please also give a very warm welcome back to the Carlisle Manager Greg Abbott.

Those who remember the eighties will remember Greg as the tigerish midfielder who unfortunately had a habit of getting on the wrong side of referees. You could ask Greg to play anywhere on the pitch and you knew to expect a hundred per cent, he might not have been the best player in that position but he would always give you everything.

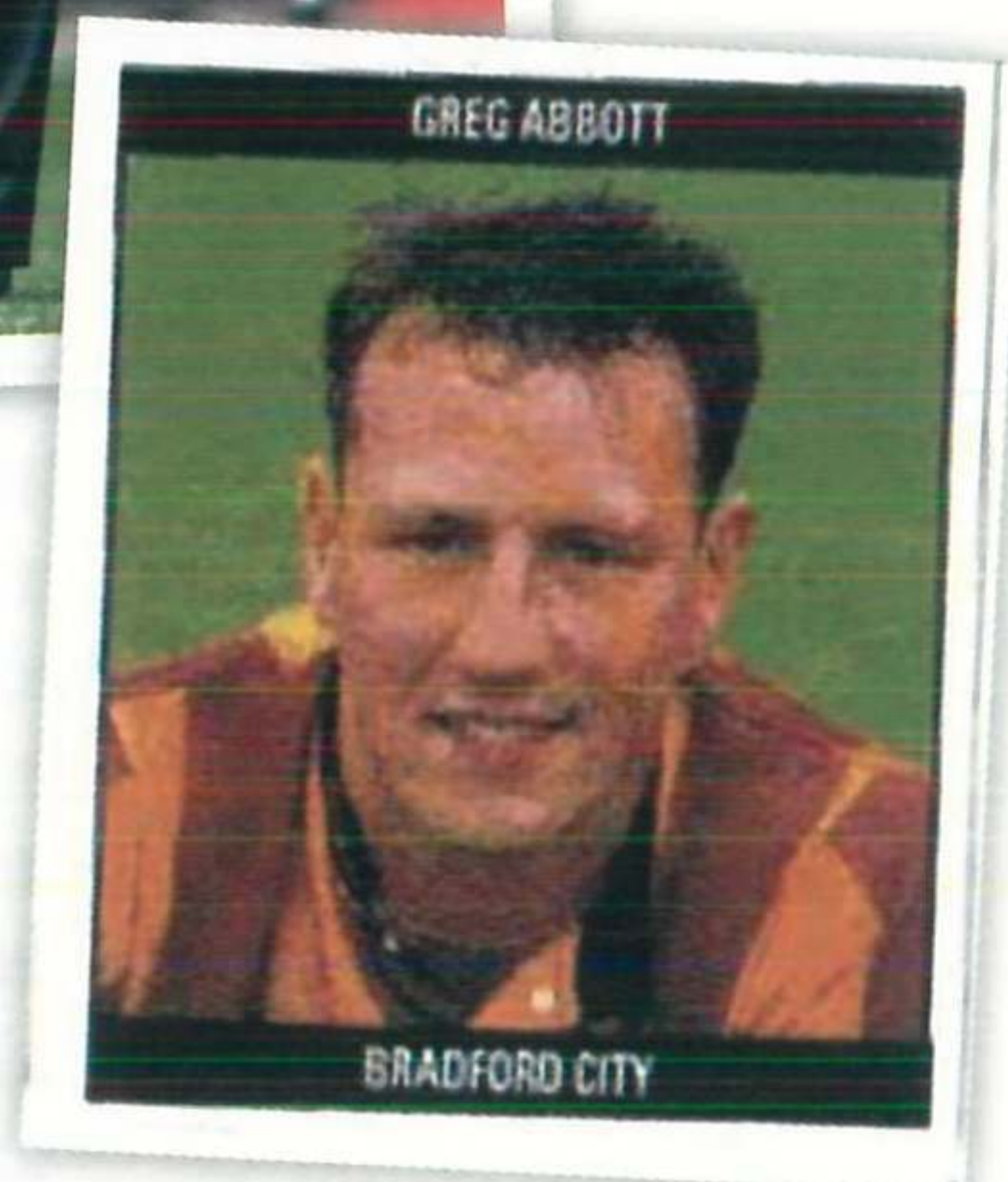
Greg was born in Coventry and joined the Sky Blues beginning as a schoolboy before becoming an apprentice in June 1980. He signed his first professional contract in January 1982, but at the end of the season he was released and signed for City following a successful trial.

Greg made his City debut in a 3-1 defeat at Plymouth Argyle in February 1983, he went on to make eleven appearances in his inaugural season but did not trouble the scorers so to speak.

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goals in thirty three games. The nearly season of 1987-88 saw Greg right in the thick of it, and after the new year signing of Mick Kennedy, there could not have been a tougher midfield than ours. Kennedy would kick anything that moved, including team mates. Greg managed a further five goals in thirty two games as City failed on the final day of the season to clinch promotion to the old division one, the modern day Premier League.

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Greg continued to give that lung bursting one hundred percent performance which was always associated with him. During his final three seasons he captained the side on numerous occasions making a further eighty nine appearances scoring seven goals before being released by John Docherty after a fantastic effort over eight years which saw Greg make 324 league and cup appearances scoring 47 times. Upon his release from Valley Parade he joined a struggling Halifax Town side, he then had spells with non league Guiseley and Hull City where he once again worked with Terry Dolan before retiring in 1996.

Since then Greg has worked at Leeds, Wigan and Guiseley before becoming manager at Carlisle. Greg is doing a great job in Cumbria and is well regarded within the LMA. We wish him a warm welcome home, and a successful season to come.

Greg became a regular in the side the following season following the horrendous close season of 1983 when the club almost went into oblivion. The club had to part with Bobby Campbell to keep the club afloat, as a result it suffered and spent the first three months of the season in the bottom two of the third division. City managed to loan back the big Irishman and the clubs fortunes turned round. City embarked on a run of ten straight league wins throughout November into February. Greg spent most of the time keeping the bench warm, well you can't change a winning team. He came back into the side for the home game against Port Vale and

scored the equalising goal in a 2-2 draw as City fought back from two goals down to retain their unbeaten run. Greg featured in thirty five games and scored three times. The following season saw Greg make forty two appearances scoring six goals as City claimed the third division championship. By now of course Greg had become an integral part of the City team and in season 1985-86, he was joint top scorer for City along with Bobby Campbell and John Hendrie. City consolidated well in division two following their promotion. In 1986-87 Greg featured in different positions for City, usually at full back or in midfield, he managed seven



PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY  
SATURDAY 30TH JULY 2011 | VALLEY PARADE STADIUM



MANAGER: PETER JACKSON

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MANAGER: GREG ABBOTT

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| 30 | STEVEN SWINGLEHURST | <input type="checkbox"/> |

RESULT:

ATTENDANCE:

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: ANDY HAINES  
ASSISTANT REFEREE: BILLY KHATIB  
ASSISTANT REFEREE: PAUL DAVISON  
FOURTH OFFICIAL: MARK RYAN

SCORERES:



# UP NEXT...

BRADFORD CITY v ALDERSHOT TOWN  
npower League Two  
Saturday August 6, 2011  
K/O 3pm

## Aldershot Town



### CITY NEED TO CALL THE SHOTS

by Colin Benson

**Gosh how the summer break has flown by. It seems that no sooner had we finished dusting ourselves down following the disappointment of last season's performance than we are plunged back into the land of optimism and hope that this really will be THE year for promotion.**

We kick-off the 2011-12 npower League Two season with a home game against Aldershot Town, who we beat 2-1 here last Easter Monday; and the Shots, who finished last season nine points ahead of us in 14th place, will be no easy obstacle if last season is anything to go on.

The Hampshire club lost just six of their 23 npower League Two away games 11 of which were drawn after opening the season with a goalless draw at Accrington Stanley.

The opening contest of a new season is always important and the good news is that in the last 10-years we have started proceedings with home fixtures on five occasions and didn't lose once.

The 4-0 thrashing of Barnsley in August 2001, in the old League One, was by far our most spectacular opening shot although come the final day's reckoning we finished that term in 15th place.

The following year our opener against Wolverhampton Wanderers finished goalless and we also had to settle for a point on the opening day of the 2003-04 series when the game with Norwich City ended 2-2.

That was a real fighting performance as the Canaries had cruised into a two goal lead within two minutes of the second half. But the former Manchester United midfielder Ben Muirhead pulled one back on 84 minutes and we salvaged a point thanks to Michael Branch's stoppage-time equaliser.

Norwich City won the Nationwide Football League Division one championship that term to earn promotion to the Premiership. The Bantams alas, finished second from bottom a clear 58 points behind the winners.

So fortunes can change dramatically over the course of a campaign and one can't take the opening day's result as a pointer to the whole season. Nonetheless, there is nothing like a win to stimulate confidence and it is surely not just co-incidence that our highest finish since that relegation followed our last opening day victory. This was achieved in August 2008 when we entertained Notts County.

Bantam's striker Peter Thorne, who prior to the game had been named in a poll as Notts County's most hated opponent after scoring four times against them the previous season, proved the sting in the tail. Thorne really rubbed it in by inflicting further pain scoring two more goals against the team from Meadow Lane.

The Magpies pulled one back in an enthralling contest but that wasn't enough as City celebrated. It was only the third time in the eight years since we had been relegated from the Premier League that we had won on the opening day of the season.

We finished that campaign on the ninth rung of the Coca Cola Football League Division Two ladder just missing out on the play-offs by three points.

That was the best yet so hopefully we can better that in this coming year.

Your vocal encouragement to the lads is imperative so get behind the team and help cheer us to victory. If we are to climb back to the big time it is imperative that we call the shots.

You won't want to miss:

**BRADFORD CITY v ALDERSHOT TOWN, npower League Two, Saturday, August 6, kick-off 3.00 p.m.**



## 2011-2012 FIXTURES

### FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

| DATE       | OPPONENTS          | H/A | K/O    |
|------------|--------------------|-----|--------|
| Sat Aug 6  | Aldershot Town     | H   | 3.00pm |
| Tue Aug 9  | Leeds United (CC1) | A   | 7.45pm |
| Sat Aug 13 | Oxford United      | A   | 3.00pm |
| Tue Aug 16 | Accrington Stanley | A   | 7.45pm |
| Sat Aug 20 | Dag & Red          | H   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Aug 27 | Barnet             | H   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Sep 3  | Morecambe          | A   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Sep 10 | Bristol Rovers     | H   | 3.00pm |
| Tue Sep 13 | Port Vale          | A   | 7.45pm |
| Sat Sep 17 | Crawley Town       | A   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Sep 24 | A.F.C. Wimbledon   | H   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Oct 1  | Burton Albion      | A   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Oct 8  | Torquay United     | H   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Oct 15 | Hereford United    | A   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Oct 22 | Northampton Town   | H   | 3.00pm |
| Tue Oct 25 | Macclesfield Town  | A   | 7.45pm |
| Sat Oct 29 | Swindon Town       | A   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Nov 5  | Cheltenham Town    | H   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Nov 12 | F.A. Cup 1         | -   | -      |
| Sat Nov 19 | Rotherham United   | H   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Nov 26 | Gillingham         | A   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Dec 10 | Plymouth Argyle    | H   | 3.00pm |
| Fri Dec 16 | Southend United    | A   | 7.45pm |
| Mon Dec 26 | Crewe Alexandra    | H   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Dec 31 | Shrewsbury Town    | H   | 3.00pm |
| Mon Jan 2  | Rotherham United   | A   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Jan 7  | Barnet             | A   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Jan 14 | Morecambe          | H   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Jan 21 | Burton Albion      | H   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Jan 28 | Bristol Rovers     | A   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Feb 4  | Crawley Town       | H   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Feb 11 | A.F.C. Wimbledon   | A   | 3.00pm |
| Tue Feb 14 | Port Vale          | H   | 7.45pm |
| Sat Feb 18 | Torquay United     | A   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Feb 25 | Hereford United    | H   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Mar 3  | Dag & Red          | A   | 3.00pm |
| Tue Mar 6  | Accrington Stanley | H   | 7.45pm |
| Sat Mar 10 | Oxford United      | H   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Mar 17 | Aldershot Town     | A   | 3.00pm |
| Tue Mar 20 | Crewe Alexandra    | A   | 7.45pm |
| Sat Mar 24 | Gillingham         | H   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Mar 31 | Plymouth Argyle    | A   | 3.00pm |
| Fri Apr 6  | Southend United    | H   | 3.00pm |
| Mon Apr 9  | Shrewsbury Town    | A   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Apr 14 | Northampton Town   | A   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Apr 21 | Macclesfield Town  | H   | 3.00pm |
| Sat Apr 28 | Cheltenham Town    | A   | 3.00pm |
| Sat May 5  | Swindon Town       | H   | 3.00pm |

### RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES

| DATE       | OPPONENTS         | H/A | K/O    |
|------------|-------------------|-----|--------|
| Mon Aug 22 | Rotherham United  | A   | 2.00pm |
| Tue Sep 6  | Hartlepool United | H   | 2.00pm |
| Mon Sep 26 | Gateshead         | A   | 7.00pm |
| Tue Nov 8  | Scunthorpe United | A   | 2.00pm |
| Tue Nov 15 | Middlesbrough     | H   | 2.00pm |
| Wed Dec 7  | Hull City         | A   | 7.00pm |
| Tue Dec 20 | Gateshead         | H   | 2.00pm |
| Tue Jan 17 | Rotherham United  | H   | 2.00pm |
| Tue Feb 28 | Middlesbrough     | A   | 2.00pm |
| Tue Mar 13 | Scunthorpe United | H   | 2.00pm |
| Tue Mar 27 | Hull City         | H   | 2.00pm |
| Wed Apr 4  | Hartlepool United | A   | 2.00pm |

### YOUTH TEAM FIXTURES

| DATE       | OPPONENTS         | H/A | K/O     |
|------------|-------------------|-----|---------|
| Sat Aug 6  | Notts County      | A   | 11.00am |
| Sat Aug 13 | Scunthorpe United | H   | 11.00am |
| Sat Aug 20 | Grimsby Town      | A   | 11.00am |
| Sat Aug 27 | York City         | H   | 11.00am |
| Sat Sep 3  | Burton Albion     | A   | 11.00am |
| Sat Sep 17 | Lincoln City      | H   | 11.00am |
| Sat Oct 1  | Hartlepool United | A   | 11.00am |
| Sat Oct 8  | Chesterfield      | H   | 11.00am |
| Sat Oct 15 | Hull City         | A   | 11.00am |
| Sat Oct 22 | Darlington        | A   | 11.00am |
| Sat Oct 29 | Rotherham United  | H   | 11.00am |
| Sat Nov 5  | Cup1              | -   | -       |
| Sat Nov 12 | Doncaster Rovers  | H   | 11.00am |
| Sat Nov 26 | IN SERVICE        | -   | -       |
| Sat Dec 3  | Cup2              | -   | -       |
| Sat Dec 10 | Hartlepool United | H   | 11.00am |
| Sat Dec 17 | Lincoln City      | A   | 11.00am |
| Sat Jan 7  | Hull City         | H   | 11.00am |
| Sat Jan 14 | Chesterfield      | A   | 11.00am |
| Sat Jan 21 | Cup3              | -   | -       |
| Sat Jan 28 | Rotherham United  | A   | 11.00am |
| Sat Feb 11 | Darlington        | H   | 11.00am |
| Sat Feb 18 | Cup4              | -   | -       |
| Sat Mar 3  | Doncaster Rovers  | A   | 11.00am |
| Sat Mar 10 | Notts County      | H   | 11.00am |
| Sat Mar 17 | Scunthorpe United | A   | 11.00am |
| Sat Mar 31 | Grimsby Town      | H   | 11.00am |
| Sat Apr 14 | York City         | A   | 11.00am |
| Sat Apr 21 | Burton Albion     | A   | 11.00am |